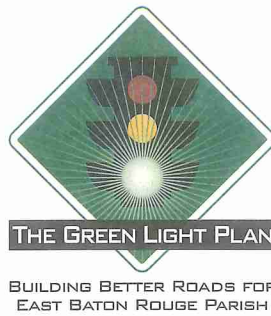


Appendix E
Solicitation of Views
Public Meeting



February 5, 2014

State Project No. H.002316 / H.002317
City-Parish Project No. 12-CS-HC-0017
Hooper Road (LA408)
Blackwater Road – Sullivan Road
East Baton Rouge Parish

RE: Solicitation of Views

Early in the planning stage of a transportation project, views from federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and individuals are solicited. The special expertise of these groups can assist us with the early identification of possible adverse economic, social or environmental effects or concerns. Your assistance in this regard will be appreciated.

Due to the earliness of this request for your views, very limited data concerning the proposed project exists. We have, however, attached a sketch map showing the general location of the project along with a preliminary project description.

It is requested that you review the attached information and furnish us with your views and comments by March 7, 2014. Replies should be addressed to Robert Lear, Sigma Consulting Group, Inc., 10305 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Please reference the State and City-Parish project numbers in your reply.

Sincerely,
CSRS, INC./GLP

Jonathan Charbonnet

Attachments

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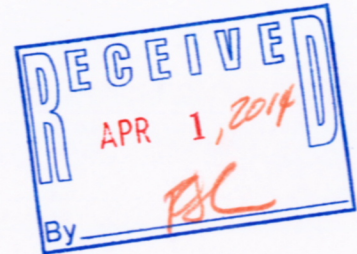
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Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health

March 31, 2014

Robert Lear
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Re: Solicitation of Views;
State Project Number H.002316/H.002317;
City-Parish Project No. 12-CS-HC-0017;
Hooper Road (LA 408); Blackwater Road – Sullivan Road;
East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

This office is in receipt of a Solicitation of Views regarding the above referenced project(s).

Based upon the information received from your office we have no objection to the referenced project(s) at this time. The applicant shall be aware of and comply with any and all applicable Louisiana State Sanitary Code regulations (LAC 51, as applicable). Furthermore, should additional project data become available to this office that in any way amend the information upon which this office's response has been based, we reserve the right of additional comments on the referenced project(s).

In the event of any future discovery of evidence of non-compliance with the Louisiana Administrative Code Title 51 (Public Health-Sanitary Code) and the Title 48 (Public Health-General) regulations or any applicable public health laws or statutes which may have escaped our awareness during the course of this cursory review, please be advised that this office's preliminary determination on this Solicitation of View of the project(s) shall not be construed as absolving the applicant of responsibility, if any, with respect to compliance with the Louisiana Administrative Code Title 51 (Public Health-Sanitary Code) and the Title 48 (Public Health-General) regulations or any other applicable public health laws or statutes.

Sincerely,

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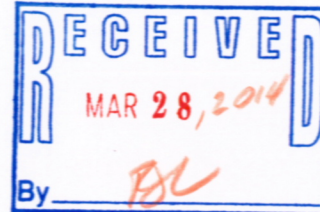
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Robbie Lear

From: Linda (Brown) Hardy <Linda.Hardy@la.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 3:59 PM
To: Robbie Lear
Cc: Yasoob Zia
Subject: DEQ SOV 140207/0290 Hooper Road (Blackwater Road to Sullivan Road)

March 28, 2014

Robbie Lear
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rlear@sigmacg.com



RE: 140207/0290 Hooper Road (Blackwater Road to Sullivan Road)
H.002316 DOTD Funding
H.002317 East Baton Rouge Parish

Dear Mr. Lear

The Assessment Division of the Office of Environmental Compliance has reviewed the information provided in your letter of August 21, 2013, regarding the referenced project in East Baton Rouge Parish. Effective July 20, 2012, East Baton Rouge Parish was designated by EPA as an ozone nonattainment parish under the 8-hour standard (77 FR 30088, May 21, 2012). Federal actions proposed for construction in a nonattainment area are subject to the State's transportation conformity regulations as promulgated under *LAC 33:III.Chapter 14, Subchapter B*.

If this project is deemed regionally significant it must be included in a conforming metropolitan transportation plan, i.e., included in a comprehensive regional emissions analysis which demonstrates conformity to the State Implementation Plan for control of ozone.

Should you have any questions regarding state rules and regulations pertaining to transportation conformity, please contact Yasoob Zia at (225) 219-3803. Thank you for affording us the opportunity to comment on this transportation project.

Sincerely,

Yasoob Zia
Environmental Senior Scientist
Assessment Division

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Capital Region Planning Commission
Staff Review Form
E. O. 12372 Process

Contact Person: Robert Lear

Phone: (225) 769.0546

Date: 03/21/2014

Applicant: The Green Light Plan

Project Title: Hooper Road (LA408) Blackwater Road - Sullivan Road

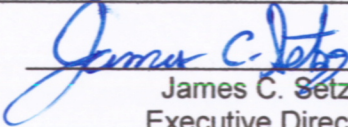
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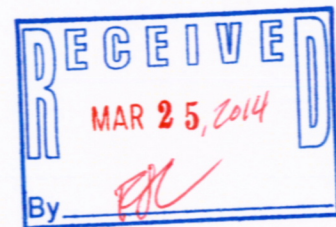
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The Capital Region Planning Commission (CRPC) staff on <u>03/21/14</u> has reviewed the above referenced project and offers the following comments:		
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The CRPC staff has neutral comments toward the above referenced project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The CRPC staff has negative comments regard the above referenced project. (See comments below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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(225) 665-6031 Fax



March 10, 2014

Mr. Robert Lear
Sigma Consulting Group Inc.
10305 Airline Hwy.
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RE: Solicitation of Views
State Project No. H. 002316/H.002137
City-Parish Project No. 12-CS-HC-0017
Hooper Road (LA408)
Blackwater Road – Sullivan Road
East Baton Rouge Parish

Thank you for providing our agency with the opportunity to respond to your letter wherein you requested views and comments on the above project.

Capitol Soil and Water Conservation District has no objection to this project nor should it affect any of our work in the immediate vicinity.

Should you have any questions regarding the above comments, please feel free to contact Steve Horvath, Chairman in our Denham Springs Field Office, at (225)665-4253 Ext. 100.

Sincerely,

Steve W. Horvath
Chairman



Jena Band of Choctaw Indians

P. O. Box 14 • Jena, Louisiana 71342-0014 • Phone: 318-992-2717 • Fax: 318-992-8244

March 4, 2014

Sigma Consulting Group, Inc.
Attn: Robert Lear
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Re: State Project No. H.002316 & H.002317, East Baton Rouge Parish; City-Parish Project No. 12-CS-HC-0017

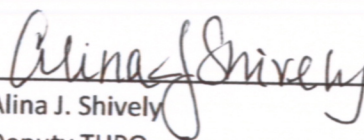
Dear Robert Lear:

In order to properly comment, the Jena Band of Choctaw Tribal Historic Preservation Office is requesting a Cultural Resources Survey and all other pertinent information regarding the project area. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

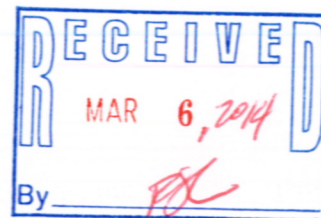
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Prepared by:



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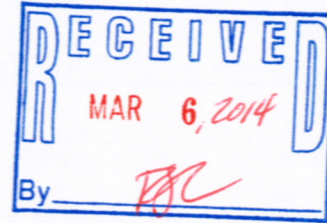


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February 26, 2014

Robert Lear
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RE: State Project No. H.002316/H.002317
City-Parish Project No. 12-CS-HC-0017
Hooper Road (LA408), Blackwater Road-Sullivan Road, East Baton Rouge Parish

Dear Mr. Lear:

I have reviewed the above referenced project for potential requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) and potential impact to Natural Resources Conservation Service projects in the immediate vicinity.

Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a federal agency or with assistance from a federal agency. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.

The project map submitted with your request indicates that the proposed construction areas are within urban areas and therefore is exempt from the rules and regulations of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)—Subtitle I of Title XV, Section 1539-1549.

For specific information about the soils found in the project area, please visit our Web Soil Survey at the following location:

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Please direct all future correspondence to me at the address shown above.

Respectfully,

A blue ink signature of Kevin D. Norton, written in a cursive style.

Kevin D. Norton
State Conservationist

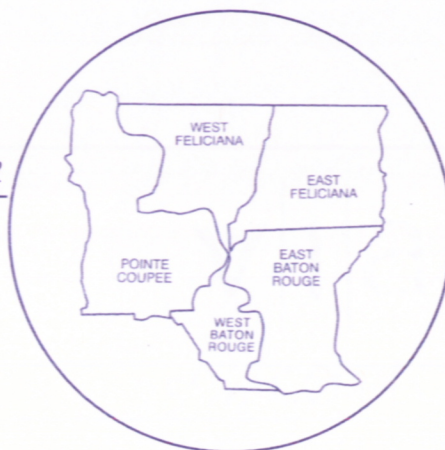
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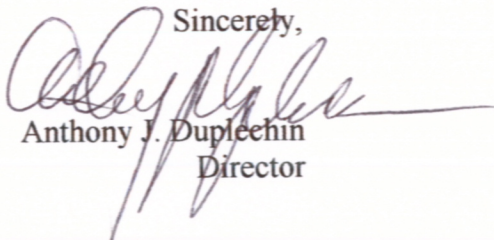
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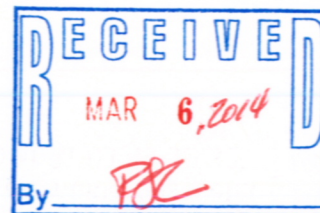
Re: State Project No. H.002316/H.002317
City-Parish Project No. 12-CS-HC-0017
Hooper Road (LA408)
Blackwater Road & Sullivan Road
East Baton Rouge Parish

Dear Mr. Lear:

Concerning the referenced project, please be aware that there are numerous wells adjacent to the right of way especially a municipal public supply well at 91° 03' 49" 30' 32" 33" (well #033-623). Care must be taken.

Sincerely,


Anthony J. Duplechin
Director





BOBBY JINDAL
GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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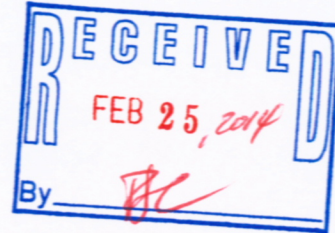
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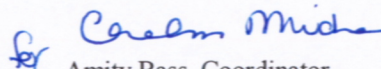
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Personnel of the Habitat Section of the Coastal & Nongame Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project. After careful review of our database, no impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, scenic streams, or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program (LNHP) has compiled data on rare, endangered, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, plant communities, and other natural features throughout the state of Louisiana. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. The quantity and quality of data collected by the LNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; many natural areas in Louisiana have not been surveyed. This report does not address the occurrence of wetlands at the site in question. Heritage reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. LNHP requires that this office be acknowledged in all reports as the source of all data provided here. If at any time Heritage tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact the LNHP Data Manager at 225-765-2643. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call 225-765-2357.

Sincerely,


Amity Bass, Coordinator
Natural Heritage Program

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GOVERNOR

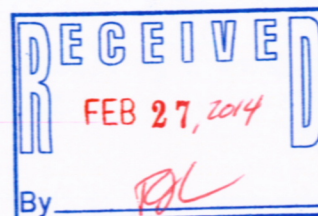


KRISTY H. NICHOLS
COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

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STATE LAND OFFICE

February 20, 2014

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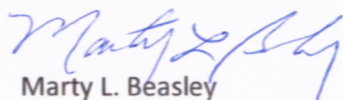
RE: Letter of No Objection
State Project No. H.002316
East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Lear,

Thank you for the information and the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project. I have reviewed the proposal to provide two through lanes in each direction and a raised median in order to improve an east-west corridor between I-110, Harding Blvd., Joor Road, and Sullivan Road.

The Office of State Lands has no objection to the proposed improvements. The Office of State Lands has executed this letter of No Objection with the specific understanding that, in so doing, the Office of State Lands does not, in any way, make any concession or waive any rights with respect to the ownership of any lands or water bottoms within the project area by the State of Louisiana.

Sincerely,


Marty L. Beasley
Public Lands Administrator



Office of the Planning Commission

City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge
Post Office Box 1471, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

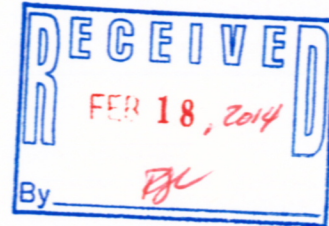
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Ryan L. Holcomb
Interim Planning Director

February 13, 2014

Mr. Robert Lear
Sigma Consulting Group, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Robert Lear:

This letter relates to the request for a Solicitation of Views (State Project Number H.002316/ H.002317) for the Hooper Road (LA 408) from Blackwater Road to Sullivan Road project.

The City of Central is not included in FUTUREBR, the Comprehensive Land Use and Development Plan for the City of Baton Rouge – Parish of East Baton Rouge. Therefore, we have no comments regarding State Project Number H.002316/H.002317.

Please contact our office if you have questions regarding this subject.

Sincerely,

Ryan L. Holcomb
Interim Planning Director

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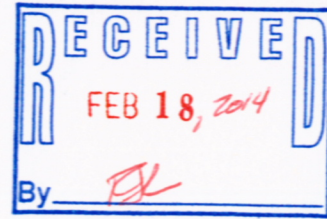
c: C. Lael Holton, Manager, Advance Planning and Research



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS TX 75202-2733

February 13, 2014



Mr. Jonathan Charbonnet
CSRS Program Management
6767 Perkins Road, Suite 200
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Dear Mr. Charbonnet:

We have received your February 5, 2014, letter requesting our evaluation of the potential environmental impacts that might result from the following project:

**Corridor Improvements
Hooper Road Project
Blackwater Bayou - Sullivan Road
STP. No. H.002316/H.002317
C-PP No. 12-CS-HC-0017
E. Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana**

The project, proposed for financial assistance through the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development funds, is located on the Southern Hills aquifer system that has been designated a sole source aquifer by the EPA. Based on the information provided for the project, we have determined that the project, as proposed, should not have an adverse effect on the quality of the ground water underlying the project sites

This approval of the proposed project does not relieve the applicant from adhering to other State and Federal requirements, which may apply. This approval is based solely upon the potential impact to the quality of ground water as it relates to the EPA's authority pursuant to Section 1424(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

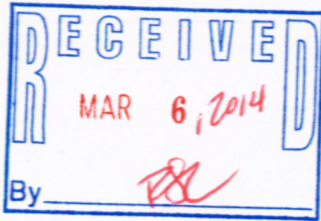
If you did not include a project description, project location, the parish and the federal funding agency if available, please do so in future Sole Source Aquifer correspondence.

If you have any questions on this letter or the sole source aquifer program please contact me at (214) 665-7133.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Bechdol, Coordinator
Sole Source Aquifer Program
Ground Water/UIC Section

cc: Jesse Means, LDEQ
Robert Lear, Sigma



U. S. Department of Homeland Security
FEMA Region 6
800 North Loop 288
Denton, TX 76209-3698



FEMA

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
REGION VI
MITIGATION DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE REVIEW/ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION

☐ We have no comments to offer. ☒ We offer the following comments:

**WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE PARISH FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR BE
CONTACTED FOR THE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR
THIS PROJECT.**

**If project is Federally funded, we would request project to be compliant with EO 11988
and 11990.**

Jim Ferguson
East Baton Rouge Parish
Chief Engineer
P.O. Box 1471,
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
225-389-3196

REVIEWER:

February 13, 2014

Mayra G. Diaz
Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch
Mitigation Division

If additional jurisdictions are involved in the project or if you have any questions, please contact
me at 940-898-5541.



BUILDING BETTER ROADS FOR
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

February 5, 2014

State Project No. H.002316 / H.002317
City-Parish Project No. 12-CS-HC-0017
Hooper Road (LA408)
Blackwater Road – Sullivan Road
East Baton Rouge Parish

This project has been reviewed for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The project, as proposed,
() Will have no effect on those resources
() Is not likely to adversely affect those resources.
This finding fulfills the requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Act.

Acting Supervisor
Louisiana Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Date

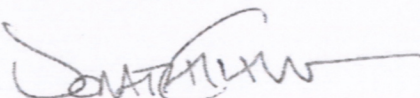
RE: Solicitation of Views

Early in the planning stage of a transportation project, views from federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and individuals are solicited. The special expertise of these groups can assist us with the early identification of possible adverse economic, social or environmental effects or concerns. Your assistance in this regard will be appreciated.

Due to the earliness of this request for your views, very limited data concerning the proposed project exists. We have, however, attached a sketch map showing the general location of the project along with a preliminary project description.

It is requested that you review the attached information and furnish us with your views and comments by March 7, 2014. Replies should be addressed to Robert Lear, Sigma Consulting Group, Inc., 10305 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Please reference the State and City-Parish project numbers in your reply.

Sincerely,
CSRS, INC./GLP

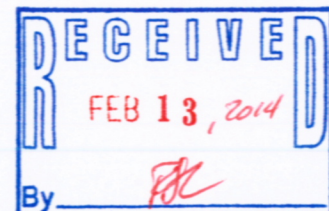

Jonathan Charbonnet

Attachments

CC: LA DOTD Distribution List
SCG File 120402

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<http://greenlight.csronline.com>

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OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
PROJECT INFORMATION HANDOUT
APRIL 15, 2014

OPEN HOUSE MEETING FORMAT

- Project staff members are located at the exhibits in the meeting room. Feel free to ask them questions as you look at the exhibits.
- A project team member is available to take your verbal comments. Please make sure to state your name and address for the record.
- You may also provide a written comment for the record via the comment form included at the back of your handout.

PROJECT HISTORY

The Green Light Plan is a comprehensive transportation program to improve roadway infrastructure and citizen safety throughout East Baton Rouge Parish. On October 15, 2005 the citizens of East Baton Rouge Parish voted on and passed an extension of a half-cent sales and use tax dedicated to local street and roadway improvements. The Hooper Road project between Blackwater Bayou and Sullivan Road is included in the Green Light Plan. The goal of the project, located in Central, LA in East Baton Rouge Parish, is to provide two through lanes in each direction and a raised median in order to improve an east-west corridor between Interstate 110, Harding Boulevard, Joor Road and Sullivan Road.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to:

- Increase the vehicular capacity of Hooper Road
- Provide pedestrians with access to the roadway
- Improve traffic flow and overall mobility along the Hooper Road east-west corridor

NEED FOR THE PROJECT

There are several well-documented reasons why the Hooper Road project is necessary, including the need for capacity improvements to relieve traffic congestion, an improved level of service based on these current and future capacity needs, and to improve a key corridor while enhancing traffic flow across East Baton Rouge Parish.

Capacity Improvements

Congestion Relief: According to traffic counts collected in January 2013, the existing two lane bi-directional roadway carries 14,800 vehicles per day. This results in a current Level of Service (LOS) of E for the roadway. The projected 2040 average daily traffic is 25,300 vehicles per day; resulting in a level of service of F for the existing two lane roadway.

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The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) characterizes existing and planned roadway conditions by the “Level of Service” (LOS) provided. LOS value is a qualitative measure describing operational conditions within a traffic stream as perceived by motorists. AASHTO defines six levels of traffic conditions.

Level of Service – Automobile Mode for Urban Street Facilities
Highway Capacity Manual (2010)

Level Of Service	Description
A	Primarily free-flow operation. Vehicles are completely unimpeded in their ability to maneuver within the traffic stream. Control delay at the boundary intersections is minimal. The travel speed exceeds 85% of the base free-flow speed.
B	Reasonably unimpeded operation. The ability to maneuver within the traffic stream is only slightly restricted and control delay at the boundary intersections is not significant. The travel speed is between 67% and 85% of the base free-flow speed.
C	Stable operation. The ability to maneuver and change lanes at midsegment locations may be more restricted than at LOS B. Longer queues at the boundary intersection may contribute to lower travel speeds. The travel speed is between 50% and 67% of the base free-flow speed.
D	Indicates a less stable condition in which small increases in flow may cause substantial increases in delay and decreases in travel speed. This operation may be due to adverse signal progression, high volume, or inappropriate signal timing at the boundary intersections. The travel speed is between 40% and 50% of the base free-flow speed.
E	Characterized by unstable operation and significant delay. Such operations may be due to some combination of adverse progression, high volume, and inappropriate signal timing at the boundary intersections. The travel speed is between 30% and 40% of the base free-flow speed.
F	Characterized by flow at extremely low speeds. Congestion is likely occurring at the boundary intersections, as indicated by high delay and extensive queuing. The travel speed is 30% or less of the base free-flow speed. Also, LOS F is assigned to the subject direction of travel if the through movement at one or more boundary intersections has a volume-to-capacity ratio greater than 1.0.

Regional Mobility

Corridor Improvements. The Hooper Road project is part of the Hooper Road East-West Corridor. This corridor begins at I-110 near the Baton Rouge Metro Airport and runs eastward on Harding Boulevard, and continues on Hooper Road to near the East Baton Rouge/Livingston Parish Line. This existing corridor is approximately 10.5 miles. Of these 10.5 miles, approximately 5 miles are currently a 4-lane divided highway. With the combination of the Hooper Road project and the Hooper Road Extension project currently under study by the LA DOTD, the entire east-west corridor would be upgraded to a 4-lane divided highway. This improved corridor will allow for increased traffic flow between Livingston Parish, the City of Central, northern Baton Rouge, the Baton Rouge Metro Airport, and Southern University.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

This existing segment of Hooper Road (LA408) includes a two-lane, two-way roadway with roadside ditches that transitions into a four-lane divided roadway is located at the western terminus of the project near Blackwater Road (LA410). There are signalized intersections at Lovett Road and Joor Road along with several unsignalized intersections for residential developments along the project corridor. The current configuration of the Hooper Road at Joor Road intersection includes a four-lane intersection for both roadways with left-turn lanes on Hooper Road, and both left- and right-turn lanes on Joor Road. The eastern terminus of the project is located just west of the intersection with Sullivan Road (LA3034). The project will tie into the Hooper Road / Sullivan Road LA DOTD intersection project.

The proposed improvements along Hooper Road (LA408) extend from approximately 2,800 feet east of Blackwater Road (LA410) to just west of Sullivan Road (LA3034). The project length is approximately 14,700 feet (2.78 miles). A four-lane divided curb and gutter roadway with a 16 or 30 foot raised median, sidewalks, sewers, and subsurface drainage is proposed.

The following project alternatives that also conform to an Urban Arterial (UA-2) roadway classification with a 45 mph design speed will be studied.

Alternative A – North Widening

Alternative A will widen the existing roadway to the north. The existing roadway will be upgraded and/or replaced to meet the project design criteria where necessary.

Alternative B – South Widening

Alternative B will widen the existing roadway to the south. The existing roadway will be upgraded and/or replaced to meet the project design criteria where necessary.

Alternative C – Centered Rebuild

Alternative C will rebuild the roadway using the existing centerline to align the proposed roadway.

All alternatives will be assessed for impacts using both the 30' median and the 16' median roadway sections. The 30' median is standard roadway section because it allows refuge for turning vehicles and U-turns can be made without additional improvements. The 16' median is used to reduce impacts to real estate and environmental concerns. Additional improvements are necessary to accommodate U-turn movements.

CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS

The cultural, environmental, socioeconomic and physical features of the corridor, along with public input, will be considered while developing the alternatives. Variations in the alternative alignments may be warranted to minimize impacts where possible. The City of Central's Master Plan will also be a guide for developing an alternative that is compatible with the City's vision.

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STEPS IN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

1. Alternatives Analysis – Analyze and select three “Build” alternatives from the alignment alternatives developed to date. **UNDERWAY.**
2. Impact Analysis – Examine what may be impacted if each alternative were to be built (both natural environment and human environment). **UNDERWAY.**
3. Refinement of Engineering – Fine-tune the three alternatives’ geometry and design features and prepare cost estimates for construction. **TO BE COMPLETED.**
4. Public Participation – Hold public meeting and public hearing to obtain the public’s input on project. **UNDERWAY.**
5. Mitigation Measures – Examine ways to mitigate any negative impacts that may result from construction of alternatives (noise walls, wetlands mitigation, etc.). **TO BE COMPLETED.**
6. Report Preparation – Document all work, including the public’s participation in the process. **TO BE COMPLETED.**
7. Environmental Clearance – If impacts are not significant or are able to be successfully mitigated, obtain a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which enables the project to move forward and on to design and construction. **TO BE COMPLETED.**

FUTURE STEPS TO COMPLETE PROJECT

- Complete Environmental Assessment – 1st Quarter 2015
- Identify and Obtain Funding – This project has been funded through the Environmental Assessment Phase. Currently, the Green Light Plan is in the “pay as you go” portion of the program (where projects are funded as sales tax proceeds are collected). Since this project involves a state highway, we are also pursuing any available state or federal funding that may be available to leverage against this dedicated source of local funding.
- Design
- Right-of-Way Acquisition
- Construction

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. What is this project designed to do?

- Increase the vehicular capacity of Hooper Road and provide pedestrians with access to the roadway.
- Improve traffic flow and overall mobility along the Hooper Road east-west corridor.

2. Who is responsible for oversight of the project?

- As part of the City-Parish Green Light Plan, City-Parish Department of Public Works is ultimately responsible for oversight of the program.
- Day-to-day management is led by Baton Rouge based engineering firm CSRS, the lead firm on the Green Light Plan program management team tasked with managing the daily operations of the program.
- Since Hooper Road (LA 408) is a state route, the project is subject to oversight of LA DOTD and FHWA.

3. Why is the State/DOTD involved if this is a Green Light Plan project?

- Hooper Road is a state highway and subject to State DOTD design requirements.
- The State DOTD is ultimately responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the road.

4. How much will the project cost?

- Final cost is subject to change based on a variety of future factors:
 - Final roadway design/termini
 - Right-of-way acquisition associated with the project
 - Environmental considerations
 - Construction bidding environment

5. Who is responsible for the cost?

- This project is part of the Green Light Plan; funded through a dedicated half-cent sales and use tax the voters of East Baton Rouge Parish voted in 2005 to extend to 2030.
- Since the project involves a state highway, we are also pursuing any available state or federal funding that may be available to leverage against this dedicated source of local funding.

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6. When will the project be built?

- Currently, the Green Light Plan is in the “pay as you go” portion of the program (where projects are funded as sales tax proceeds are collected).
Upon completion of design, all “shovel ready” projects are then prioritized based on need and available funding; infusing state and federal funding helps expedite construction timelines, which are two funding options that we are aggressively pursuing for this project.

7. What stage is the project currently in?

- We are in the pre-design NEPA stage, which is an environmental assessment of the project and is required to be completed in order for projects to be eligible for federal funding
- Currently, we are gathering input from the public and nearby stakeholders about what is most important to you as we progress through the design process so that we can balance those needs against engineering and technical requirements.

8. What route will it take?

- Project limits are from Blackwater Road to Sullivan Road on Hooper Road.
- Items to consider:
 - Pedestrian and bicycle access
 - How cross-streets intersect with a widened Hooper Road
 - ROW acquisitions
 - Utility servitudes

9. Will you have to acquire property in order to widen the roadway? If so, what does that process look like?

- “Right-of-way acquisition” is the term we refer to as it relates to acquiring property for public infrastructure projects like these.
- Once we have a final design in-hand, we will know more about what property along the proposed route we will need in order to construct the project.

10. How can the public engage in the process moving forward?

- The Green Light Plan places a strong emphasis on consistent public outreach and engagement for its projects.
- There will be multiple opportunities for the public to weigh in and comment on the project as it progresses through the design process, including two additional public meetings that will take place as part of the current NEPA process.

11. Is this the same project as the Hooper/Sullivan Intersection Project?

- No. That project is designed to improve just Sullivan from Wax Road north to Hooper Road and the Hooper/Sullivan Intersection.

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12. What is the status of the Green Light Plan as a whole? Where does this project fit in?

- The final bond sale for the program, which was for \$38 million, was instrumental in helping get all remaining projects in the program to the design stage or beyond.
- At this point, we are currently in the “pay as you go” portion of the program, which means the remaining projects in the program will be prioritized and constructed in accordance with sales tax proceeds as they are collected.

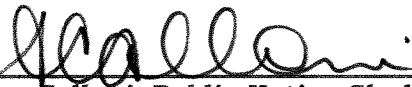
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Shelley Calloni, Public Notice Clerk

Sworn and subscribed before me by the
person whose signature appears above

April 14, 2014



M. Monic McChristian,
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State of Louisiana

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**EBR DPW C/O GREEN LIGHT PLAN 4955489
CRAIG RABALAIS
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BATON ROUGE, LA 70808**

NOTICE

OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

STATE PROJECT NO.
H.002316 / H.002317
CITY PARISH PROJECT
NO.
12-CS-HC-0017
HOOPER ROAD (LA 408)
BLACKWATER ROAD
TO SULLIVAN ROAD
EAST BATON ROUGE
PARISH, LA

Sigma Consulting Group, Inc., in association with East Baton Rouge Parish and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD), is conducting a public information meeting to assess the proposed construction of widening improvements to Hooper Road (LA 408) from the existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided roadway from just east of Blackwater Road to Sullivan Road. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about the project and to obtain public input on three design alternatives currently being proposed for the widening of this portion of Hooper Road as part of the Environmental Assessment Study phase of the project.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, is scheduled for the following date, time and location:

**Tuesday, April 15, 2014
5:00 - 7:30 pm**

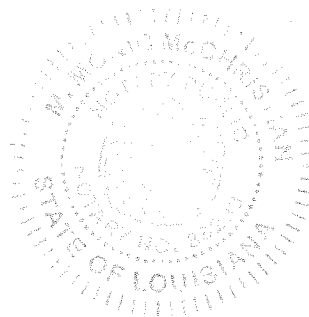
**Central Middle School
Cafeteria
12656 Sullivan Road
Central, Louisiana 70818**

All members of the general public and/or their representatives are welcome to attend for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the project, reviewing findings to date, and providing comments and input. Written statements or verbal comments may be submitted at the meeting. Written comments may also be mailed to the following address and must be postmarked within ten days following the meeting (April 25, 2014).

**Hooper Road (LA408)
Improvements
Sigma
Consulting Group, Inc.
Attn: Robert Lear
10305 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70816**

If you wish to participate in this public information meeting but require special assistance due to a disability, please contact Sigma Consulting Group, Inc. at the address above, or by telephone at 225-298-0800 at least five working days prior to the meeting.

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Comment Form

HOOPER ROAD (LA 408)
(Blackwater Road To Sullivan Road)

Public Meeting – April 15, 2014

East Baton Rouge Parish
City/Parish Project No. 12-CS-HC-0017
State Project No. H.002316 / H.002317

The Hooper Road Project Team would appreciate your comments on this project. Please write your comments below and give to a member of the Project Team or fold, tape, stamp and mail to the address on the back of this form or fax or (225) 208-1699. Thanks for your input.

Concerns: large horse and cattle trailers being able to
turn or uturns with those vehicles, There are many
horse owners in Central area.

- House is 11333 Hooper Rd. - loss of House - already
close to the road.

Our house is over 100 yrs. old and in quite
good condition.

Your Name: Jeanie Jines

Address: 11333 Hooper Rd.

B.R. La 70818

To ensure that your comments become part of the official meeting record, they should be post marked within ten calendar days following this meeting (by 4/25/14).

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In addition to left turn lanes, the
following intersections need right turn lanes:
Hooper @ Lovett
Hooper @ Jeor

Median Openings need to be placed at:
BRCC Community College
BREC Park

Your Name:

Cathy Carrauxy

Address:

4113 Huntley Ave.
Central LA 70818

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This is a long overdue project. I live on Hooper Rd and my concern is access to go either West or East. On the current design, you only have a few turn areas to access these routes. In my opinion, there should have media turn instead of having a grassy media. In Boggsville Estates, three residence have R.V's and large horse trailer that would have difficulty making U-turns at these turn areas. I also think if you will just have turn areas, that they should at least intersect with streets coming into Hooper Road.

Your Name: Ray Richard
Address: 10955 Hooper Rd
4/16/14

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Please use the centered rebuild option
to be fair to all property owners.

Your Name:

Steven Conillion

Address:

12515 Hooper Rd
B.R. LA 70818

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*The centered rebuild would best serve the
majority of property owners. The expansion
is absolutely necessary to handle the traffic
congestion. Can't happen soon enough.*

Your Name:

Warren Beunlin

Address:

*12627 Hooper Road
Baton Rouge, La 70818*

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